

First, Vicksburg, Pays Building Debt



FINAL PAYMENT—Gene Allen, chairman of the finance committee of First Church, Vicksburg, has a very satisfied look as he signs the final check paying off the debt on the church building. Also enjoying the occasion are Mrs. Walter Hollis, church and financial secretary, and David May, chairman of the church executive committee.

With the signing of check number 1270 by Gene Allen, chairman of First Church, Vicksburg's financial committee, First Church building, its equipment and the property on which it stands is debt free.

Paying off the debt on the building coincides with the 13th anniversary of occupancy of the building. The first worship service was held in the building on Sunday, July 6, 1958.

A special service for a formal note burning and rededication of the building is planned for Sept. 19 with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, as guest speaker.

Led by the pastor, Dr. John G. McCall, the building was dedicated on July 13, 1958 with three former pastors as special guests. Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor from 1940-1951 preached the morning sermon and Dr. Webb Brame, pastor from 1914-1917, preached the evening sermon. Dr. W. H. Morgan, pastor from 1930-1936, also participated in the dedicatory services.

Fifteen years ago, with an original bond issue of \$600,000 plus several additional loans at later dates, the program of debt retirement was begun by members of the church. Total cost of the church plant including architect fees, organ, furnishings, lot, etc. was \$1,020,000.

In 1954, J. W. Jordan Jr. was named chairman of the building committee with J. J. Newman serving as associate chairman. P. E. Cunningham Sr. later served as chairman of the building committee upon resignation of Jordan.

House Passes Anit-Pornography Bill

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an addressee. Recipients of such material may either destroy it or send it back to the Post Office marked "refused."

The legislation also provides that mail patrons who do not wish to receive unsolicited mail bearing the symbol may notify the Postmaster General who under the provisions of the bill, will be required to devise procedures to prevent delivery of such material.

The postal service objects to this section of the bill, arguing that carrying out such a procedure... presents a considerable administrative burden on the service and introduces a delay at the point of delivery. The Nixon administration supports a different bill which would put the burden on the mailer instead of the postal service.

Laws which became effective last February permit individuals to place their names on lists indicating they do not wish to receive obscene mail. Persons or firms mailing obscene matter bear the responsibility for keeping these names off their mailing lists.

The new proposal would take the process one step further, calling for marked envelopes and requiring postal officials to stop delivery to persons who ask not to receive unsolicited "obscene" materials.

The legislation is also opposed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Association of American Publishers. Both groups claim that the bill violates the First Amendment right to free speech. The ACLU

also argues that the bill would likely create "a severe chilling effect upon the use of the mails to distribute constitutionally protected communication."

If the legislation becomes law, violators who send unsolicited materials that meet the definition of "obscene" described in the bill without the accompanying symbol on the envelope will be subject to up to \$50,000 in fines.

Proponents of the bill who debated the bill's advantages said that Congress in considering the legislation

was "not dealing with idealistic or well-meaning believers in free expression."

"We are confronting purveyors of filth and smut whose sole purpose is personal enrichment at the expense of our youth," declared Rep. Thaddeus J. Dulski (D., N. Y.), who was one of the 356 members voting approval of the bill.

"Passage of these provisions will not damage or threaten freedom of expression, but it most certainly will dent the pocketbooks of merchants of pornography," Rep. Dulski argued.

American Baptists Open Southern Region Office

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tion, USA, Inc., and the Progressive Baptist Convention, he said.

Names of the ABC churches in the South have not been released. Hicks said he believes there are a few former Southern Baptist churches that have switched to the American Baptist Convention, but this, too, is not designated on his list.

Three predominately black churches in Atlanta are affiliated with the American Baptist Convention — West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Ralph Abernathy, pastor; Ebenezer Baptist Church, Martin Luther King Sr., pastor; and Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church, B. Joseph Johnson, pastor.

"We are not in competition with anyone," Hicks said. "We will be dealing with unusual groups of people and trying to make the church relevant."

In his new post, Hicks will be traveling throughout the South, visiting in American Baptist Churches. His responsibilities number "even more than hoped for," he said and include meeting the churches' needs and helping with church programs.

"We hope to keep the churches integrated. We think we have a model to show to the nation," Hicks said.

He said his office is willing to work with other Baptist conventions in the South. Hicks said in the past he met with other Baptist convention members, including National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., in conferences on dual alignment.

"Nobody wants to steal churches," Hicks said. "There are enough people in the world that no one needs to steal a church. The job is entirely too big for one convention. But together we can accomplish many things if we don't mind who gets the credit."

During the 25 years Hicks has worked with American Baptists, he also has been aligned with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He has served as national director of Baptist educational centers and as director of an education center in Topeka, Kan. While in Kansas, he also was executive secretary of the Missionary Baptist Convention of the state.

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A Kansas native, he is a graduate of Washburn University of Topeka, and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kan. He has done advanced studies in race relations at Fisk University, Nashville, and the urban church at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Enrolment Period - - -

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ules of benefits. The amount of coverage is determined by the employee salary and may range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

During this enrolment period, there is one procedural change for churches applying for Group Insurance coverage for their employees. Each employee must complete, and file with his application, an Evidence of Insurability form.

If 5,000 or more applications are received, Evidence of Insurability will not be required and all applicants will be insured, regardless of health.

The current enrolment period is the first one for this year and only the second since the Program was initiated in October, 1969.

"In the short time it has been in force, the Group Insurance Program has proved to be extremely beneficial to the families of a number of employees of churches," Swords said. Almost \$2 million has been paid on the lives of 151 participants since the Program began.

In addition, 42 persons are receiving a total of \$15,394 in monthly benefits because of disability, Swords said.

Details of the Group Insurance Program and the necessary forms for application may be obtained by writing, Insurance Services, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Clergy Education Conference Slated

The Fourth Annual Clergy Economic Education Conference is scheduled for August 30 - September 2, at the Duncan M. Gray Episcopal Center near Canton, according to Dr. J. C. Wimberly, Chairman, Antigonish Commission. The conference will be under direction of Jack C. Wimberly of the University of Southern Mississippi, and is free to clergymen who make proper application.

The Conference is not an indoctrination program, but an examination of basic economic principles upon which informed judgment may be based. "On the basis of my personal experience as a participant, I commend these conferences as a worthy investment of time and a unique learning experience with a mini-major in Economics," Dr. Hensley stated.

Application may be made to Jack C. Wimberly, University of Southern Mississippi, Southern Station, Box 72, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401.

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western Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort. Worth, Mrs. Horne is a graduate of Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis.

Gomez will work as a missionary in San Antonio's Mexican Baptist Bible Institute where he is presently a missionary associate for the board. A Texas native, he is a graduate of University of Corpus Christi and Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Gomez graduated from Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos, Tex.

Natives of Cuba, Mr. and Mrs. Martinez will be working as missionaries in the First Spanish Baptist Church of Gilroy, Calif., where he is currently pastor.

Both are graduates of California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. Smith will serve as superintendent of missions in the Indio, Calif., area. He currently is pastor of Eagle Mountain Baptist Church in Eagle Mountain, Calif.

Smith is a graduate of University of Texas, and attended Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Smith also is a graduate of the University of Texas, and attended North Texas State University in Denton, Tex., and Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N. M.

Baptist Group Meets Pope

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que illustration of a new spirit of friendship among those who call on the name of Christ," Pope Paul said in his address to the group. "We are pleased to encounter, under such a distinguished leader as Dr. W. A. Criswell, members of a Christian communion which, since the foundation of your great nation, has played so full a part in the development of evangelization and Christian education."

The Pope concluded his address by saying, "May this encounter, for which we thank you warmly, be an effective sign of a new effort at mutual understanding and cooperation."

The audience was set up in virtual "record time," according to Catholic officials. A call to Rome from a Dallas priest was made on June 9, requesting the audience which was held three days later.

Most audiences with the Pope are arranged weeks, often months in advance, officials said.

Another "unusual" aspect of the audience was its location.

FMB Names - - -

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Union, Native of Florida, she has been who directed Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Oregon, since 1969.

Varied Backgrounds
The July appointees come from a wide variety of backgrounds and will assume varied roles overseas. The group includes two physicians, one for Indonesia and one for Rhodesia, and two nurses.

Four of the 20 men have doctoral degrees, and another expects his Ph.D. soon; four of these will fill places in Baptist theological seminaries, and the fifth will be engaged in English-language evangelism in Malaysia or Singapore.

Three of the group are former missionary journeymen, two were US-2 missionaries in Alaska for the HMB, and one was a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya.

Two have brothers who are Southern Baptist missionaries: Mrs. Charles A. Ray is the sister of missionary James P. Gilbert, Ecuador, and C. Edward Spann is the twin brother of missionary J. Frederick Spann, Brazil.

After a period of orientation and language study at Callaway Gardens in Georgia, the 42 appointees will scatter around the globe; 14 will be assigned to countries in the Americas, 14 will go to Africa, 4 to Europe, and 10 to Asia.

From Starkville
A late new release reveals that Dr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Miles, Sr. of Starkville were invited by the Foreign Mission Board in its July meeting to go to India for a year of agricultural mission work.

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shown during the initial four meetings. A group has been meeting on Friday nights at the Bron Baker Memorial Library in Kababir, near Haifa, to hear guest lecturers and to ask questions and discuss the topics. Ibrahim Sim'an, director of the library, expressed hope that the series will spread to other parts of the country and promote understanding among the people of the area.

Dr. Criswell explained to his tour group that he was told the Gala Clementina was not the regular "audience" room, but was closer to the Pope's private quarters and had been arranged at the request of the Pope himself.

Following his brief message, delivered in English, Pope Paul presented a gift to Dr. Criswell and posed for pictures with members of the Baptist tour group.

In his visit with Cardinal Willebrand, "What can we do to develop bet-

ter understanding and closer cooperation between our communions?"

The cardinal replied that such efforts must come at the "grass-roots" level, rather than being dictated from the top echelon of church structure.

Following their audience with the Pope and a visit to Rome, the Baptists journeyed to Israel, Greece and Turkey in a marathon schedule which included visits to the ruins of the seven churches of Asia Minor named at St. John in the Book of Revelation.

Mississippi Seminary's Southeast Center Elects New Full-Time Dean

Rev. A. T. Walker, pictured, is the newly elected full-time Dean of the Southeast Center of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.



Mr. Walker will serve as a teacher-missionary in south Mississippi for the State and Home Mission Boards. He will teach at the Hattiesburg Center and will

lege, the University of Southern Mississippi, and New Orleans Seminary.

He has held pastorates in Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida for the past 30 years, and goes to this new position from the Olivet Church in Gulfport.

Mr. Walker also was a district officer of the Lion's Club in Spoo and was elected president and Man of the Year.

Agnes Smith of Ripley, are the parents of two children, Jerrell Walker of Brandon and Cheryl Kelly of New Orleans. They have three grandchildren.

Southwestern Seminary Sets Buildings, New Department

FORT WORTH (BP) — Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here approved to construction of four new apartment buildings and recommended the establishment of a new department of continuing education for ministry.

During a semi-annual session, the board approved the four new building with 32 apartment units, as part of expansion of the J. Howard Williams Student Village.

Immediate construction of the buildings was authorized. Rent from the apartment units is expected to cover a loan for construction, a seminary official said.

Plans are proceeding for a new children's building, and for the renovation of Price Hall, the seminary's religious education building. Construction is expected to begin in about six months, the committee reported.

In another major action, the trustees recommended that the proposed

new department of continuing education for ministry be responsible for a unified approach to continuing theological education for ministers to update and expand their education in a variety of settings.

The board elected Phillip H. Briggs, currently an associate professor of religious education at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, as a new associate professor of education administration at Southwestern.

H. Leon McBeth, associate professor of church history, was promoted to full professorship by the trustees.

A joint trustee-faculty dinner honored two retiring faculty members at the nation's largest non-Catholic seminary. The banquet paid tribute to Alpha Melton, professor of social work who has taught since 1945; and Gracie Knowlton, professor of secretarial training, who has taught since 1947. Both retire Aug. 1.

Parkway, Hernando, Breaks Ground; Has Been Meeting In Mobile Chapel

Parkway Church met, July 7, for a ground-breaking service on their new church site in Hernando. Rev. Aaron Lewis, pastor states that it is hoped that construction on the first unit can begin in the next few weeks. This church was begun in September, 1969, as a mission of the Hernando Church, Rev. W. E. Corkern, pastor. Supt. of Missions, Rev. Ervin Brown, served as mission pastor. The Parkway Church is presently meeting in

one of the mobile chapels provided by the Miss. Baptist Convention Board. This unit has met a very special urgent need, as the Mission was meeting in an old inadequate building. Several of the Sunday School classes have been meeting in a tent since January. Front Row (l to r): Jim Austin, Paul McCrite, Bill Tapp, Joe Clappitt, with shovel, and Rev. Aaron Lewis.

Opera Singer To Present Concerts In Three Churches

Miss Kathleen Roberts, opera singer of Darmstadt, Germany, has returned to the states for her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roberts of Jackson.



Miss Roberts has been under contract with the Darmstadt Opera house for three years and will return for another season August 15.

The coming year the Darmstadt opera will move into a ultra-modern new opera house, reported to be the most modern opera house in Europe, where she will hold the leading soprano contract.

Miss Roberts earned her B. M. Ed. degree from Mississippi College and her Master's degree from Texas Christian University. She studied a year at the International Opera Center in Zurich, Switzerland, before launching her musical career in Europe.

While at home Miss Roberts will perform in three concerts at the following churches: Boardman Church, Jackson, July 26; First Church, Hattiesburg, August 1; and Monticello Church, August 8.

Miss Roberts is to sing a Lieder Concert at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on August 4 by invitation from the music department at TCU.



Rev. Eldie F. Hicks, pastor of First Church, Waynesboro, stands beside his new Buick sedan, a gift from a group of his friends. The presentation was made in the parking lot of the church. The group gave the car as an expression of their love and appreciation for his work.

Waynesboro Pastor Given New Buick

A number of close friends of Rev. Eldie F. Hicks wanted to show their appreciation and love for him and did so recently by presenting him with a new Buick sedan, complete with tag, a full tank of gasoline, and paid insurance.

To say the pastor was "shook up," is putting it mildly, for the whole thing was a well-kept secret. Only at the last moment was his son, Rev. David Hicks, asked to bring his father and mother to the parking lot of the church. David, accompanied by his wife and son, his sister Johnnie Kay, and parents rolled onto the lot, all puzzled as to what it was all about.

They were met by some of the closest friends that the family had made down through the years, all

happy with what was about to occur. The shiny new car was sitting there, and when the pastor was told the purpose of the occasion, and handed the keys, he was at a loss for words.

Mr. Hicks first came to Waynesboro in 1943 and left in 1955. He returned in November of 1961. During these periods much progress and many improvements have been made. To name a few, acquisition of property adjoining the church, remodeling the chapel, adding to children's building, buying a home for use of ministers of music, building a new parsonage, installation of a new organ, increasing finances in the last decade from \$48,000 to \$72,000 annually, and setting new records in Sunday School and church attendance.

"Why Can't Our Church Keep A Pastor?"

By Hal D. Bennett
Baptist Bible Institute,
Graceville, Florida

Some day I want to observe a congregation in a self study. I should be a church that feels a need to do better in some major function than it had in times past.

For instance: some churches can't keep a pastor. I know of many congregations who hardly get acquainted with a man and his family before he is gone.

Many members of these churches blame the pastors. No doubt in some cases we preachers ought to accept the blame. In others, though, the people either run off or squeeze out men who succeed on other fields.

I talked to a gracious lady recently, a retired grammar school teacher.

"They Won't Stay"

"We have had two BBI pastors and they were the best we ever had (in her more than 50 years there). But we don't intend to call any more of them. They won't stay with us," she said.

Their current pastor had been there seven months. I do not know the man. But she said that the church was going down and down. And, "I don't know what we can do."

"Well, lady, maybe you ought to call another BBIer the first chance you get."

"But they won't stay with us. They leave as soon as they graduate." I have to admit that to be generally true. Larger churches usually want them. But I had another question:

"Wouldn't you folks rather have a man for only six months if he would build up the church, than one who stayed six years all the time letting it go down?"

It seemed to her a new thought. Not to me; I go over that ground often. A nearby associational missionary re-

lated a similar complaint from people in his county. Only a little research in the annual minutes proved that in fact our student-pastors had a better stayput record than the non-students serving there.

I was surprised that she hadn't recognized the psychology of rejection in her complaint. "We loved Brother Blank and his family. How could they leave us?" They resented his going; they would have been glad for him to have stayed after graduation on their \$50 a week and no house.

Time For A Self Study

Take another congregation. They ran off four men in less than five years. In every case they blamed the pastor. Finally, as they told me about all this, I had to ask, "Who called all these losers, anyway?"

It was a fair question. How can the same set of members go through normal procedures and select four men in a row who did not fit their needs, their desires, their community, or their church?

Wouldn't it be well for such a congregation to talk things over among themselves, publicly, openly, and in a way to involve everybody?

A small to medium-sized congregation could divide into groups of ten or so at a night service. These could turn their heads together all over the auditorium; that way members who never dare to talk in public would have say; and would like it.

Just pose some answerable questions and let everybody consider them. Or perhaps groups in one row of pews might take certain questions; the other row - sitters in their groups could take other subjects. Give them a set time to talk, knowing that at the end each group's spokesmen would report their conclusions.

You might be surprised how well this works. I have done this in several

interim pastorates, with numerous groups working on this one proposition: "What three things should our church do now that it can do?" Every time we have done this we came up with something we did right away to the advantage of the whole church.

Decide on Your Questions

If you do a self study in the absence of a pastor, the church council, the deacons, or both might settle upon some questions the membership should consider. For instance:

(1) What sort of a congregation are we (average age, education, and living standard)?

(2) What are the major occupations?

(3) What considerations affected our call the last three times we selected a pastor?

(4) What do we expect of a pastor (shall he supply his own car to do the church calls, go to meetings, etc? Will we supply an official car? What would it cost the church? Or the pastor?)

(5) What do we expect of his wife (church work, helping support the family, manner of dress, visiting members, counseling)?

(6) What would it take to pay for the pastor's necessities (itemize for transportation? title? social security? income tax? hospital insurance? other medical bills? life insurance? clothing? professional books? food? recreation for self and family? retirement income and home? and other?)

(7) Have we been as interested in meeting these needs as we have in getting a preacher at some fixed price, and why?

(8) Do we lay people take our elected church jobs seriously, learn how to do them, and carry them out the best we can?

(9) Who can the pastor depend upon to help visit the sick, witness to the

lost, teach or lead a class, work with the young folks?

(10) When a new pastor asks us to consider some new thing, do we help him see if it would work, or do we veto it either by vote or by foot-dragging it to death?

(11) What other questions should we consider?

Clarke County Minister Killed In Accident

Rev. John Wesley McGrew of Vossburg, Route 2, was killed instantly July 2 on the Shubuta-Vossburg road while working on a bridge which collapsed. He was 53.

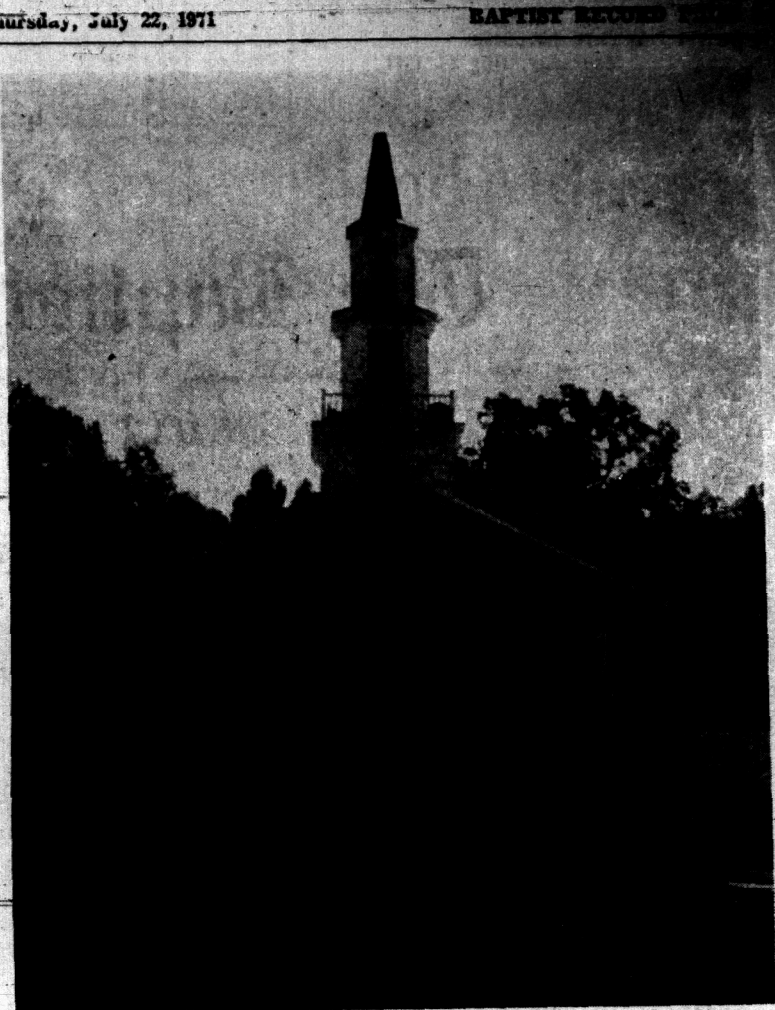
Funeral services were held July 4 at West Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m., with the Revs. Odell Haywood and E. C. Moss officiating.

Mr. McGrew was a life-long resident of Clarke County and had been a Baptist Minister for the past 30 years.

At the time of his death he was serving as pastor of Hepzibah Church, West Pleasant Grove Church, and Elin Church. He was a past member of the State Legislature.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nora Bell McGrew; two sons, Dennis W. McGrew, Heidelberg, Roger F. McGrew, New Orleans, La.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGrew, Stonewall; one sister, Mrs. Nora Bell Owen, Jackson; two brothers, Carl and James Luther McGrew, Stonewall and two grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers were all pastors of the Clarke County Baptist Association and deacons of the churches which he pastored.



Pleasant Hill (Lincoln) Burns Note

On June 20, the Pleasant Hill Church (Lincoln County) held a service of thanksgiving to God. They celebrated the fact that their new sanctuary was free of debt, by having a noteburning ceremony. This building has a seating capacity of approximately 225. It is brick veneer, centrally heated and cooled, and completely carpeted.

Construction of the sanctuary (top photo) was completed in March of 1968 and the first worship service in the building was held on the 31st day of that month. The church borrowed

\$5,000 and sold church bonds to raise the remainder of the funds. On May 31, 1971, all the indebtedness had been paid off. That is in less than half the time anticipated.

Pictured (Bottom photo) are members of the various committees who worked to see the building completed. They are (left to right) James L. McCaffery, chairman of deacons; Rev. Roy McHenry, pastor; Leroy Sanders, Finance Committee; James Bullock, Building and Planning Committee; J. C. Burns, Advisory Committee; James Rudder, Furniture Committee.

Mobile Chapel Set Up In Jackson County



Burns, right

Woodhaven Chapel, under the sponsorship of First Church, Gautier, is a cooperative work of the above mentioned church, the Jackson County Baptist Association, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is providing a mobile chapel for use by the mission until the time a permanent building can be erected. (The Convention Board owns three of these mobile chapels: One is in use at Southaven, and one near the Barnett Reservoir at Jackson. The one to be loaned to Woodhaven Chapel was formerly used by Flat Top Church, Pearl River County.)

Three years ago Jackson County Baptists, under the supervision of Rev. Zeno Wells, purchased a strategic 9.6 acres of land just east of the city limits of Ocean Springs. Several months ago the association requested the use of the portable unit for a temporary meeting place to begin the new mission work. Then First Church,

After much difficulty in preparing the land area, the unit is in place awaiting utility hookups. Sunday, July 11, the Missions Committee of First Church, Gautier, made a religious survey of the area and found many prospects.

"The next step of the Committee will be to begin a prayer and Bible study group in the Woodhaven subdivision. The anticipated first meeting will be held in about three weeks," states Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor, 1st, Gautier.

The local Missions Committee members are: Cliff Dowell - Chairman, Philip Douglas, L. L. Magers, Leroy Foster, and Reece Acklen.

Hinds-Madison Sets State Slow Pitch

Softball Tournament

Regulations for the Mississippi Baptist Slow Pitch Softball Tournament are:

Play will begin Thursday, August 19, in a single elimination and will continue through Saturday with the final game being played Saturday night, August 21, at 8:30 p.m.

Entry fee will be \$20.00 which will be used for furnishing game balls, trophies and officials. No entry fee will be returned once the brackets are drawn up.

Entry fee and signed agreement plus roster MUST be mailed to Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, Box 4686, Jackson, Mississippi 39216 before August 13.

All games will be played by regulation slow-pitch rules.

Hinds-Madison Baptist Recreation Association, or the directors and officers of Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, will not and cannot be held responsible for any injury incurred on the field, enroute to and from the games, or off the field, and each player will be responsible for his own care.

Trophies will be given to Champion, Runner-Up, Third and Fourth Teams.

Games will be played Thursday night (6:30, 8:00, and 9:30 P.M.) continuing Friday night and Saturday morning, with Championship game on Saturday night.

Each player must have reached his 15th birthday before June 1, 1971.

No All-Star team allowed. All teams must be from one church.

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH HE IS REPRESENTING.

The tournament director is R. W. Brister, Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, Box 4686, Jackson, Mississippi 39216. (Telephone: 366-0860 or 362-8676).

Pan American World Airways instituted regular transatlantic passenger flights on June 28, 1939, from New York to Lisbon; flight about 24 hours.

1st, Philadelphia Calls New Pastor

Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor of First Church, Wiggins since 1967, resigned on July 4 to become pastor of First Church, Philadelphia. His pulpit ministry in Philadelphia will begin July 25.

He succeeds Rev. Roy Collum, who left the pastorate to become Director of Evangelism for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Asked to list highlights of his four-year ministry in Wiggins, Mr. Grissett named the development of a program to meet the needs of the entire family through the Sunday School, Kindergarten, deacons' family program, youth program, and Wednesday night activities. He said his aim had been to lead the church to use existing facilities to provide spiritual guidance, enrichment, and service to its members.

The financial giving of the church has increased each year, and a special interest in missions has been shown through the church's Project Missionary and in other ways. The church honored Rev. and Mrs. Grissett, their son, J. Ray, Jr., and daughters, Jayne and Michal, at a reception on July 18.

Miles City, Montana

"In Answer To Prayer, We Got Our Piano..."

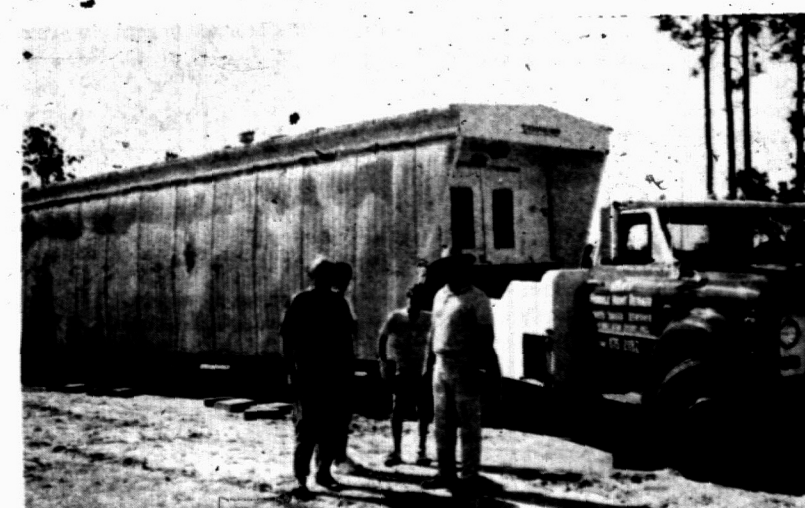
Since the beginning of the Northside Baptist Mission, Miles City, Montana, over two years ago, we have not had a piano. This was a real need. But the possibility of getting a piano seemed so impossible the thought of ever having one had just about disappeared. Then last month a real message came to us from the book of Matthew 6:30 - 33.

"If God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is cast into the oven, shall he not clothe you, O ye of little faith? ... but seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

We had little faith that we would ever have a piano. Then Pastor Holbrook brought an offering to the mission to be used in any way that it was needed. We had so many needs we did not know just what to do. We needed tables and chairs very badly so this was a great concern.

The very next day a friend of mine said that he was going to sell her piano. I told her that we needed one for mission. When I asked her how much she wanted for her piano, I was afraid that the price would be far above what we could pay. But to my surprise the price was just below the amount of money we had received. I knew that it was the answer to prayer, and we bought the piano.

We have had a wonderful time praising God for being such a wonderful Saviour, knowing our needs and answering them. - Bulletin, Miles City Baptist Church, Miles City, Montana.



The trailer chapel, property of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, arrives on the scene at Woodhaven Chapel, Jackson County. Clyde Williams, building and maintenance superintendent Baptist Building, Jackson, was in charge of moving and setting up the mobile chapel.



The trailer is shown after it has been set up and expanded to chapel size. Standing in front of it are Phillip Douglas, member of the Missions Committee, First Church, Gautier; Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor, First, Gautier; Rev. Zeno Wells, superintendent of missions, Jackson County Association; and Mr. Burns' son.

Poster Contest: July 1 - August 15 For Sixth Grade And Junior High

Much is being taught today about the danger of the use of "drugs", but people having professional experience with alcohol problems say that the drug, alcohol, is doing more damage than the others through its widespread use, its far-reaching effects, and its costs to the non-drinker and the general public. Does the average teenager realize this or are the dangers in alcoholic beverages being de-emphasized or overlooked?

In the hope of stimulating Youth to discover the truth of these dangers Jackson members of the W. C. T. U. are sponsoring a Poster Contest in Sunday Schools from July to August-15 for boys and girls in the sixth grade through the ninth grade.

The subject of the contest is "Effects of Beverage Alcohol" (on the individual or in the social order).

Choice of themes: 1. To present

facts on effects of alcoholic beverages; 2. To show their costs to the non-drinker, to business, to the public in taxes, accidents, crime, jails, hospitals, alcoholics and their families; 3. To picture the values of abstinence in sports, work, safety, health, or achievement.

Points of evaluation: Accuracy of information, neatness, eye appeal, and originality.

Material: Card or Poster Board. Awards: 1st-\$10.00, 2nd - \$5.00, 3rd-\$3.00.

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Cuba Church Seen Holding Its Own

NEW YORK (EP)—Despite restrictions by Premier Fidel Castro, church life in Cuba seems to be holding its own and even gaining ground, in some cases.

This observation, carried by George W. Cornell's AP column, is said to be the general picture that emerges from recent reports of churchmen from that island nation or visitors to it.

"Either there is an increased freedom, or the church is just now becoming uninhibited enough to discover the freedoms it has had," Joyce Hill is quoted. Miss Hill is a United Methodist missions official who recently spent 17 days on the island.

Church meetings are held without any difficulty from local authorities, Miss Hill said of town after town.

Auxiliary Bishop Bernardo Ariztia of Santiago explained: "Christians in Cuba can go to church—that is not the problem." He adds that the Christian message is restricted to the churches, and can't be preached outside them in public places.

Christians are barred from taking up studies in certain professions such as philosophy, education and sociology, Miss Hill's report says, "but can study to become technicians and skilled workers."

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EDITORIAL

We Must Discuss The Issues Troubling SBC

In last week's forum in the Baptist Record, there appeared a letter from former Congressman and former President of the Southern Baptist Convention, Brooks Hays, expressing depressed feeling over the actions of the St. Louis convention, stating that he does not believe that the action "actually represents the views of a majority of Southern Baptists," and expressing resolution on his own part to help bring Southern Baptists back to what he believes is a right course for them. It is evident from his letter that he believes that the right course is in the very theological direction which has caused the problems of the last three conventions. He also expressed his desire for a change in the plan of representation so as to avoid the problems which arise when a large democratic body seeks to carry on its work.

probably will continue to disturb the fellowship until they are settled. They certainly cannot be settled without being fully discussed.

During the past year Southern Baptists tried to sweep the issues under the rug, and act as if they did not exist. This was in response to a cry to "cool it", which came after Denver. We did just that during the year preceding the St. Louis meeting, but not one problem was solved, and despite every effort to keep them from doing so, the issues surfaced again there. The trouble was that the problems continued to exist, and even though there was little discussion of them, they still were polarizing Southern Baptists.

Why not, then, admit that we do have problems, bring them out into the open, and discuss them frankly and candidly this year? Perhaps we can in that way find the solution. Strangely, Baptists have a way of talking themselves together, when they talk long enough. When, however, full freedom of discussion does not exist, the problems tend to grow worse.

It is because of this what we have

published Mr. Hays' letter, and we welcome other discussion of the issues in the pages of the Baptist Record. Perhaps some of our dear thinkers need to define the issues, and to show why they are creating problems. Others may prefer simply to discuss the problems, while still others may have suggested solutions.

We welcome contributions, requesting only that they be in a Christian spirit, that they deal with issues and not with personalities, and that they be sincere efforts to make a positive contribution to the discussion.

The time is late for us to begin to try to find answers for these issues. Southern Baptists cannot go on year after year with every convention bringing conflict. We are not suggesting any type of compromise, nor are we asking anybody to be silent. Every contribution will be given serious consideration, and if we receive too many letters or articles, shall select representative ones. We hope that serious, prayerful, spirit-led discussion can begin now. Our own feelings will be discussed editorially from time to time.

Guest Editorial

Southern Baptist Hospitals Served Well

John E. Roberts
In Baptist Courier (S.C.)

On Sept. 1 of this year the Southern Baptist Convention will officially end its hospital ministry. That is the date set for transferring title to a private board for the Convention's two hospitals in New Orleans and Jacksonville. It also will mark the end of Baptist support for these institutions.

Baptist support has not been a big factor in keeping or freeing the hospitals. They received only about \$50,000 in Cooperative Program funds last year. But money was the major reason for severing the tie. Millions of dollars in federal and state funds are available to hospitals for construction, research, teaching programs and patient care. To have accepted such funds would have involved the hospitals in a joint church-state venture unpalatable to many Southern Baptists. To reject these funds would greatly restrict the hospitals in quality and scope of work. It would severely limit them in the purpose for which they were founded—medical care for charity patients. The alternative was to leave the hospitals from denominational control so they could freely seek tax funds for an expanded work.

The entry and subsequent departure of the Southern Baptist Convention from the hospital ministry is an interesting study of social developments in our nation over the past half century. When the Convention first discussed possibility of a hospital in the 1919 meeting it was felt to be in the realm of the Home Mission Board's responsibility. New Orleans was chosen as the site because of the Home Board's city missions program there and because of enthusiastic local support. By the time the hospital opened in 1925 a separate board was established by the Convention. The Home Board maintained a vital interest, however, allocating \$250,000 to construction of the original \$2 million building.

Within the past 20 years hospital use has multiplied many times over with growing awareness of proper health care. Hospital costs have increased at a far greater rate. Both hospital use and cost are expected to continue their upward spiral in the immediate future. So a few weeks from now the SBC will drop its hospital ministry, making the change a century ago—adapting to need and circumstance. Time will reveal the degree of wisdom

in the latest move. The other alternatives were not considered satisfactory. To have attempted continued operation on limited income would have relegated the hospitals to a second class role. To have accepted the numerous available grants of public funds would have caused a sharp clash of opinion in the Convention.

Parenthetically, an explanation is in order that the action involves only the two hospitals of the Southern Baptist Convention. It in no way affects the various Baptist hospitals identified with state conventions such as Baptist Hospitals in Columbia and Easley, which are related to South Carolina Baptist Convention.

The hospitals in New Orleans and Jacksonville will continue and expand their healing ministry, under independent boards which administrators say will be "of Baptist orientation." In the years since 1924 (and 1955 when the Jacksonville unit opened) they have served literally millions of the ill, have given care in well over 100,000 births, have expanded the original \$2 million into some \$35 million. They have afforded a great ministry, and should continue to render a great service in the future.



HIS WILL WORTH SEEKING

THE BAPTIST FORUM

80-Year-Old Writes

From Retirement Home

Dear Friends:

Since reading the article, "A Tribute to Christian Fathers," I feel I should write and tell how much I enjoyed it. I read it over and over again. My father had five sons and one daughter. I was oldest of my father's sons.

I always enjoyed going with my father anywhere I could go. One time he took me on top of the sack of corn he took to the mill to have corn ground for bread and chicken feed. I was too small then to ride a horse alone. I remember very well once when he let me go with him in the wagon and would let me drive when the road was crowded with traffic. One time we were meeting a vehicle and I started to pull the team to the left side of the road. He corrected me there, and I have never forgotten to always "take to the right side of the road."

Papa died before I was eleven years old. It hurt me so much. I was a Daddy's boy. Several times he let me ride another horse and go with him visiting. In February before he died in March, 1902, he let me go with him a great distance to drive home some cows he had bought. I had my little boy's saddle and I rode a little sorrell horse he had gotten by trading a young mare he had for a gentle old mule and the little horse drove the cows home. One dollar was what he paid the man. I carried water to my father to drink, too, in the field at quartering time.

On a gentle old mule my sister and I would ride to Sunday school and church on Sunday. Our school house stood near Spring Hill Church building, where it now stands. That church was organized in 1845. It is the oldest Baptist church in Tallahatchie County. It is three miles southwest from Oakland and seven miles northeast of Charleston.

Since I was a little boy, I have suffered with epilepsy. I was teaching my second term of school when my health failed. That was in 1911. My doctors advised me never go back to the school room again. I was planning to be a foreign missionary. I had gone forward and told Spring Hill Church I felt God had called me to be a missionary to China. But I had to give that up since I could not go on to school to prepare to be a missionary. Arthritis started on me about 40 years ago and has gotten worse through the years. I am now nearly 80 years old and am suffering with it more than ever before, and have not been able to walk a step in over three years.

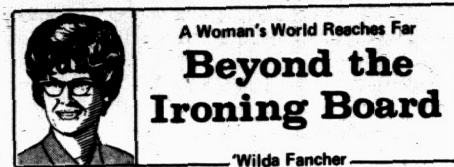
Sundays and Wednesdays the orderly will get me in a wheelchair and carry me to a large room on the second floor for preaching service.

I like to sing, have been singing most all my life. When our song leader is absent they call on me to lead. It is just a talent God gave me. I have tried to develop it and so much enjoy it.

I was proud to call Richard Allen McCorkle my father. He died in 1902 and mother never entertained the notion of marrying anyone else. She told us many times she wanted to be buried by Papa in the old Spring Hill Cemetery, and we buried her there.

I remember you having an article in the Record one time when Mr. E. C. Williams had retired as Sunday School Secretary of our state. It was very interesting. Mr. Williams came to Spring Hill one time and gave us instructions how to have a Standard Sunday school. We took his advice and it was not long before we had our Sunday School up to the Standard of Excellence.

R. G. McCorkle
North Mississippi Retirement Home
Grenada, Mississippi



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Sometime ago I wrote about hearing the rainbow. Then I decided to do some study about the rainbow and learned some interesting things.

Sunlight is a combination of seven colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue indigo, violet. These, the makings of a rainbow, are in the sky all during the rain, but we do not see the bow until the clouds have gone and the sunshine shows. The rays of the sun travel from the sun and strike the raindrops. Each ray, as it enters a drop, the light ray is turned back, and on leaving the drop, is further bent and dispersed. Each color has a particular range of wave lengths and each color is formed by rays that reach the eye at a certain angle. The angle for a particular color never changes. The rays for the seven colors making up sunlight reach our eyes, and a rainbow has been made.

Rarely do we see all seven of these colors distinctly because they blend into each other. The sizes of the raindrops which help to form the rainbow determine the amount of each of these clean, bright, singing colors. The sun must be behind you and the rainfall in front of you if you are to see a rainbow.

Many, many times there come to my mind verses from the Bible that I learned a long time ago. Yet they are exactly what my spirit needs when they come to mind. I remember the words of the apostle Paul: "The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

Just as the size of the raindrops affects the amount of each color in the rainbow, just so does the intensity of an experience affect what I hear of God's greatness, goodness, love, and power. These makings of a rainbow are always in existence, and when I listen, I can hear the rainbow.

EDUCATION — what's happening

"To let oneself be bound by a duty from the moment you see it approaching is a part of the integrity that alone justifies responsibility." — Dag Hammarskjöld

"The human story does not always unfold like an arithmetic calculation on the principle that two and two make four. Sometimes in life they make five or minus three; and sometimes the blackboard topples down in the middle of the sum and leaves the class in disorder and the pedagogue with a black eye. The element of the unexpected and the unforeseeable is what gives some of its relish to life and saves us from falling into the mechanical thralldom of the logicians." — Winston Churchill

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NEWEST BOOKS

New Book Strongly Defends Biblical Inspiration

BIBLICAL REVELATION, The Foundation of Christian Theology by Clark H. Pin-nock (Moody, 256 pp., \$4.95). This is one of the most important books that we have read in several years. We marked sentence after sentence and paragraph after paragraph. It deals with a vital issue; it faces the problems involved fairly and intelligently; it presents clear, incisive answers; it is written with clarity and able scholarship. The issue is whether an adequate theology can be built upon the foundation of a "low" view of theology. His answer is that it cannot. The "low" view is that which makes the Bible less than the God-breathed, infallible, inerrant, plenary, verbally inspired Word of God. The author, who formerly taught at New Orleans Seminary and now teaches at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School near Chicago, is a highly respected theologian, and this book will enhance his standing. He reveals complete familiarity with theological positions, both past and present, and shows his high respect for scholarship, even though he may reject some of its conclusions. In this volume he presents the grounds for a "high" view of scriptural inspiration, and gives arguments defending that view, which are basic, logical, and, in our thinking, practically unanswerable. He shows clearly how any lesser view, actually destroys the foundations for any worthy theology. He shows the unacceptability not only the liberal position, but also of even the neoorthodox which many modern scholars have accepted. He says that any of these positions which weaken or destroy the view of inspiration, also weaken and destroy the theological groundwork. In other words there can be no worthy Christian theology without a trustworthy Bible. This is a theological treatise and some of it will be deep for the average reader, yet its arguments and defense of the Word will make it worth careful study. The trained pastor and student of the Word of God will find it of inestimable value in study of the problems disturbing theological circles today.

TRUMPETS OF THE LORD by William Arnett Gamble. Vantage, 183 pp., \$3.50) William A. Gamble is a retired Presbyterian minister who resides in Jackson, Mississippi. From a long ministry both as a pastor, and as a Navy chaplain during World War II, this beloved pastor has selected some of his messages which were used to exalt Jesus Christ and his church. The sermons are timeless in that they deal with some of the greatest truths of the Christian faith, yet they are timely in that the author applies them to modern day Christian living and the present day world. He shows that the message of Christ does meet present day needs of men. The messages are Scripturally based, clear in outline and rich in illustration. The subjects are varied and inviting. The book should be a blessing to every reader who reads it, as he will find that he is listening to the heart beat of a preacher who loves his Lord and his fellow men.

DISCERN THESE TIMES by S. I. McMillen, M.D. (Revell, 192 pp., \$4.95) A medical doctor who has a broad and deep knowledge of the Scriptures writes on the book of Revelation as a book for today. The author displays an amazing understanding of prophetic truth, and uses this, along with a wide knowledge of present world conditions, to interpret the book of Revelation as a message for today. This is not the usual commentary on Revelation, and will bring new understanding of many sections of the book. The author sees present world conditions as pointing to the return of the Lord, and shows how today's chaotic events may be an amazing fulfillment of God's predictions.

The Solution To Crisis-America by Pat Boone, George Otis and Harold Bresden (Bible Voice, Inc., P. O. Box 3521, Van Nuys, Calif., 91407; 32 pp., paper, \$1.00) Will the Communists take America? This book says that is their goal, and that it is possible. It says that what is happening in seeking destruction of America is a battle of "the powers of darkness against God's people and

God's purposes." The book calls for a "spiritual warfare" against the Satanic warfare... that Christians become "militant in prayer" for victory for right and righteousness in this land. Illustrations are given concerning how other nations have been delivered by praying people, and suggests that prayer is our only hope. The book will stirle you, but it may send you to your knees, or cause you to call for a prayer meeting. It is a little book with a big message.

On The MORAL SCENE...

FLIGHT OF CHILD LABOR ON FARMS IS DEPOSED. The American Friends Service Committee says the child labor situation in American agriculture compares with "the sweatshop scene in 1938." In a recent report that was based on a survey of farms in five states, the Quaker group called agriculture "the third most hazardous industry in this country" and declared children should not be allowed to work in it. "At the very least," the AFSC said, "children in agricultural work should be covered by the laws which pertain to all children who work in hazardous industries." Children as young as six years of age were found working on farms, sometimes "stooping and crawling in intense heat for eight to ten hours a day," the committee report said. Investigators said they found one county in Maine where children harvested 35 percent of the potato crop. In the five-county Willamette Valley area in Oregon, investigators said school teachers recruited children between the ages of 8 and 15 for farm work. Among 229 children in a California study group, 17 percent worked more than eight hours a day and 19 percent were under 12, the report said. In Ohio, as in the other states, children were put to work in clear violation of existing laws against their employment.

(Louisville Courier-Journal, 3-21-71)

The Jesus Movement-IV

Jesus Is Coming, Soon! So Forget The World's Ills

By the Baptist Press
The theology of eschatology permeates the Jesus movement with the exciting message the youth involved in its strongly believe: "Jesus is coming again, Soon!" Maybe tomorrow. Perhaps this year. Hopefully in this generation.

They believe it. Their actions show it. Their attitudes toward social issues and financial problems reveal it.

It is in startling contrast with the social consciousness of modern youth who are not a part of the Jesus movement.

Many main-line Protestant denominations moved toward social actions partially in response to the righteous anger of justice-minded young people.

If the kids in the Jesus movement are a true indication, the youth now seem to be racing past the churches going the other way—crying out for gut religion characterized by feeling, experience, spirit consciousness, exhilaration and open, soul-rocking expression.

At the heart of the sudden turn about is a theology of eschatology (last things) that seems to be saying to the kids: "Don't worry about the mess that the world is in socially, politically and economically. Jesus is coming soon." Those things won't be important then."

And they are buying it. Furthermore, they are selling it with a feverish thrust of evangelism, motivated not only out of love, but of fear that the end will come before friends, and everyone know Jesus as they do.

Yet most of the witnessing done by the kids involved does not harp on the theme that "you're going to hell if you don't repent." Rather the emphasis is on sharing the love they have found in Jesus as illustrated by the greeting: "Jesus loves you. Can we rap on it?"

Take, for example, the approach of two widely different Baptist youth evangelists—whose results are part of the phenomenon sweeping the country.

Richard Hogue, whose SPIRENO (Spiritual Revolution Now) crusade in Houston result-



INTENSE BIBLE STUDY, accompanied by a strong belief that "Jesus is coming again, soon," are typical characteristics of the Jesus Movement. Youth take their Bibles to school and read at every spare moment.—(BP) Photo

ed in 4,000 conversions in three months, is frankly eschatological in his sermons.

But it is not Doomsday revival. His message is positive—"the abundant life can be yours." The mood is celebrative, happy.

Hogue preaches one sermon entitled, "Here Comes de Judge." He and his wife have not bought a home because they feel so little time is left. He adds that members of his team feel so strongly that the end is coming that some dropped out of college to work with him.

Hogue, a Southern Baptist, is stylish. He wears mod clothes, his neat hair is long and slightly curls at his neck. His dress includes black turtle-necks, suede suits, and flashy shirts.

In contrast, James Robison, 27, of Hurst, Tex., wears his hair trimmed close, his sideburns short, his clothes conservative by comparison.

Both, however, have phenomenal success with high school students. And both preach a strong message that the end of the world is soon.

Robison, in a style similar to Billy Graham's, preaches judgment in the most basic language. His frequent preaching about

hell seems to run counter to the "Jesus loves you" theme of the movement on the surface.

"I preach judgment and love," he said. "I can't preach John 3:16, without using the word 'perish.' God put it in there. You don't improve on the methods of Jesus. Jesus preached on hell and eternity."

"I don't have the idea of frightening people—not many people are afraid of the idea of hell today, anyway," Robison added. "I preach it because it is fact, because it is God's truth."

"I believe time is running out," Robison continued. "Of course, all spiritual movements had this—Paul preached that way; Billy Graham does. But I really believe this is it," he said.

It is easy to understand why the youth believe Jesus is coming soon, and even want it.

For the last decade, youth have witnessed the decay of society. It has not been a pretty sight, the drugs, demons, witchcraft, poverty, alienation, riots, killing, assassinations, war, mania, impersonalization, hypocrisy, discrimination, pollution and on and on. Social ills sent many of them on a frantic search for meaning through Buddhism, astrology, witchcraft,

Eastern religions, and mind-expanding drugs.

They found it all empty. Now they have discovered Jesus, and say he is "the only way." And they desperately want him to come again and take them out of all this mess the world is in, and give them the ultimate rapture of heaven and all its bliss.

William Hull, dean of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said that the emphasis on the second coming of Jesus was spawned by "the apocalyptic terror of this desperate decade."

Hull predicted a polarization between the eschatological and historical visions of human nature.

"The eschatologist is always looking for that which is ultimate, final, eternal, supreme," Hull observed. "He seeks the constant in the midst of the temporal, and the divine in the midst of the human."

On the other hand, Hull continued, "the historicist attempts to be realistic about the 'given' of history, to trace causation in events, to see the human in the divine, to be honest about the complete fabric of human existence." Thus it is easy for them to explain away the Jesus movement in sociological terms as a search for a way out of the complexity of today's society.

Hull gave a warning to Christians, saying they must not choose between these two alternatives "because it (Christianity) is both a profoundly eschatological and a profoundly historical religion. It affirms both that Jesus was the 'Word' and that he was 'flesh,' that the eternal became temporal."

Christianity affirms the paradox that eternity has broken in to time, and thus history and eschatology are inextricably intertwined until the end of the world.

Most participants in the Jesus movement would say in response, "Right on, brother." And quickly add that the end of the world is near.

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By U. S. High Court

S.C. College Bond Aid Case Reconsideration Is Asked

WASHINGTON (BP) — The United States Supreme Court, in a case involving the Baptist College of Charleston, asked the South Carolina Supreme Court to reconsider its earlier decision declaring the sale of tax-free revenue bonds for the Baptist school as constitutional.

The high court judges asked the South Carolina Supreme Court to reconsider the ruling based on guidelines set forth in decisions the court handed down a few days earlier involving government aid to private institutions.

In one opinion, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that construction grants to church-related colleges do not violate the U. S. Constitution. In a second ruling, the high court limited the types of aid that are constitutional to private institutions because of "excessive entanglements" between government and religion.

In Charleston, the president of the school, John Hamrick, said he considered the ruling to be very favorable to the college. Hamrick reasoned that if the U. S. Supreme Court would approve direct grants for building construction at church-related colleges, then surely loans would be all right.

Both the General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and the full convention approved of the \$4 million bond issue by the school in a tax-free category and at a low interest rate.

Under the unique arrangement, the college agreed to deed to the state certain buildings and lands not otherwise encumbered with two stipulations—that the college be permitted to lease the property for 30 years at no charge, and at the end of the period to repurchase the property for \$1.00.

After the suit was filed to test the constitutionality of the proposed arrangement, the college obtained \$2½ million in five year church and institutional bonds to finance building construction until the long-term tax-free bonds could refinance the buildings. The \$2½ million in short-term bonds were due on the day following the Supreme Court ruling.

Two Charleston banks agreed to a 10-year loan to the college for \$2½ million to pay off the short-term bonds until the court case is settled. The case now goes back to the South Carolina Supreme Court for reconsideration.

The lower courts in South Carolina had upheld the constitutionality of an act whereby the state budget and control board, acting as the state's Educational Facilities Authority, could issue and sell the tax free bonds for the Baptist College in Charleston.

Under the South Carolina law, which the state declared "is essential for private institutions for higher education," the Baptist College of Charleston would be the beneficiary

of bonds totalling \$3.5 million to refinance its outstanding indebtedness in construction of buildings and to build new facilities. None of the buildings financed under the program was for religious purposes, in keeping with guidelines set forth in the state's law.

The appellant in the case, Richard W. Hunt, identified as "a resident and a taxpayer," argued that in such a transaction between the state and a private institution, the state "would become involved in the affairs of the Baptist College in seeing that the buildings and facilities are not used for religious instruction and purposes."

Hunt also said the state would hold title to the buildings and facilities and to a portion of the properties of the Baptist college campus. Such titles, he argued, would give the state "the right and duty from time to time to direct the operation and fix fees and charges for the use thereof when needed to secure the payment of the bonds."

The attorney for the state government argued that the act "merely provides banking services for a public purpose and any sectarian benefits which result therefrom are incidental."

U.S.A.: Three professors at two seminaries have been asked by the Foreign Mission Board to go overseas this summer on special assignments. W. Bryant Hicks, Associate Professor of Christian Missions and World Religions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and R. Cal Guy, Bottoms Professor of Missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, were invited to assist in a survey of mission work in Indonesia. Dale Moody, Joseph Emerson Brown Professor of Christian Theology at Southern Seminary, was invited to serve as inspirational speaker at annual meetings of missions (organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries) in Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Uganda and in East Africa in July and August.



Brotherhood Plans World Missions Rally

The annual World Missions Rally

Many forthcoming foreign missionaries will be taking part in the activities of the day.

Miss Mary Alice Ditsworth, left missionary to Indonesia, and Miss Margaret Fairburn, right missionary to Liberia, will appear on the program.

The Brotherhood Department encourages all Brotherhood and WMU leadership, as well as all other interested people, to make plans to attend.

Historic Churches In Mississippi Celebrate Their 100-Year Or 50-Year Anniversaries During 1971-72

Churches in Mississippi have an illustrious past and many each year celebrate sesquicentennial (150), centennial (100) or 50th anniversary (50 years) anniversaries. What about your church or a neighboring one? Homecomings, memorial days, special services all are ways of such commemoration.

To help you know of these years, the librarian in the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission Library has prepared a list of churches. You may know of others that should be included or there can be an error in dates given. Let your Historical Commission know and help keep up to date, correct records of the churches.

The names and dates of organization of the churches and the pastors' names are taken from the latest available minutes of the Associations of the state:

Handsboro To Celebrate 97th Year

Handsboro Church will observe its ninety-seventh anniversary Sunday, July 25, with special services honoring former pastors and members and an old fashioned "dinner on the ground."

Guest speaker for the morning worship service will be Rev. P. S. Dodge, who served as pastor from 1918 to 1920. Assisting in the planned observance will be the church's present pastor, Dr. Wesley G. Ellis, and minister of music, Jimmy McCaleb.

The day will honor the memory of the charter members of the church with special recognition being given those who have been a blessing to others in the fellowship.

Handsboro Church was organized July 26, 1874 in the old Masonic Hall in Handsboro with 18 charter members attending. To date, the church has been served by 27 pastors and church membership now numbers over 600.

The public is invited.

Centennial 1971

Pilgrim's Rest (Calhoun), Rev. I. S. Hearn
Pine Bluff (Clay), Rev. Leslie Denson
Pilgrim's Rest (Copiah), Rev. V. R. Crider
Grays Creek (Desoto), Rev. Roger Johns
Rock Branch (Newton), Rev. Tommy Purvis
Terry's Creek (Pike), Rev. John D. Hedgepeth
Cascilla (Tallahatchie), Rev. Harold D. Wells
Greenville, First (Washington), Dr. Perry Claxton
Walthall (Zion), Rev. W. S. Weddle

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Ashland (Benton), Rev. Billy Burney
Sand Hill (Greene), Rev. Hugh Arnold
Whitesand (Jefferson Davis), Rev. Billy Greene
Abbeville (Lafayette), Rev. Brey Culver
Brookhaven, First (Lincoln), Rev. P. A. Michel
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Port Gibson, Rev. Jim Spencer
State Line (Wayne), Rev. Fred Trexler
Toccopola (Pontotoc), Rev. Earl Beeler

50 Years 1971

Corinth: West Church (Alcorn), Rev. Billy Tingley
Hickory Grove (Lamar), Rev. Odel Tebo
Rocky Springs (Monroe), Rev. Wm. T. Warren
Splunge (Monroe), Rev. George Thomas
Goodyear (Pearl River)
McComb, Central (Pike), Rev. A. S. Atkins
Athens (Simpson), Rev. C. M. Grayson
Kennedy Springs (Simpson), Rev. Don Womack
Gum Branch (Winston), Rev. Robert Triplett

50 Years 1972

New Fellowship (Jasper), Rev. W. Burt
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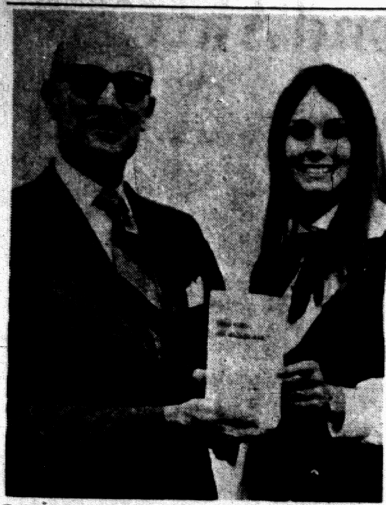
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Official Songs Written For GA And Acteens



Miss USA Gets 'Good News'
NEW YORK — Miss USA, Michele McDonald, 18, of Butler, Pa., receives a copy of "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version, from Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, general secretary of the American Bible Society, during a visit to Bible House in New York. Miss McDonald, an ardent Bible student who hopes to become a nurse, is a member of the Brownale United Methodist church in her hometown. (RNS Photo)

Girls in Action and Acteens across the nation will soon be blending voices in their new official songs.

Songs for the two Women's Missionary Union Organizations were recently adopted by the WMU Executive Board.

Yazoo City Youth Teach VBS In S. D.

A group of twelve young people and four adults left First Church, Yazoo City early Tuesday morning, July 6, enroute to South Dakota. Young people participating in this mission trip which will run through July 24 are Beth Byrd, Mary Nelle Cowser, Patricia Stovall, Becky Templeton, Dorothy White, Bobby Barton, Richard Harvey, Chuck McIntosh, Mark Ray, and Edd Smith, Jr. Two young ladies from Center Ridge Church making the tour are Lucille Harris and Sandra Grayson.

Accompanying the group are Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Sadler of Yazoo City. Sadler is pastor of the Southside Church. Also going along are Rev. and Mrs. Willoughby of the Harlands Creek Church near Lexington.

The group has been conducting two simultaneous Vacation Bible Schools, one at Webster and the other at Sisseton.

The songs are suggested for use in GA and Acteens meetings, camps, and other activities.

The GA song, "We're Girls in Action," was written by William J. Reynolds, secretary of the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Reynolds described the three-verse song as "joyous, lifting, and energetic."

The Acteens song, "This Is Our Day," was written by Gene Bartlett, church music secretary for the Baptist

General Convention of Oklahoma. Bartlett said the music is suitable either for solemn occasions with large choirs or for informal group singing around the campfire.

Both songs are written with piano or organ accompaniment and are marked for autoharp and guitar.

The copyrighted songs will be available in song sheets and sheet music through Baptist Book Stores and from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, after July 22, 1971.

Billy Graham Film "His Land" Wins Festival Award

ATLANTA, Georgia (July 6, 1971) —The World Wide Pictures' production HIS LAND was awarded the Gold Medal Award by the Atlanta International Film Festival held June 19-26. The fourth annual festival drew more than 1,200 entries.

HIS LAND, written and directed by James F. Collier, featured Cliff Richard, one of England's top pop stars, and Cliff Barrows, music director for Evangelist Billy Graham. The film which was shot entirely in Israel is documentary in style and is billed as a "musical journey into the soul of a nation."

Mt. Zion Calls Pastor

The Mt. Zion Church, Rankin County, has called Rev. Kenneth Harrison as pastor. He formerly served two years at Mt. Vernon Church near Hickory in Newton County.

A graduate of Clarke College, he plans to enter Mississippi College. He and his wife, the former Smith, have a six-month-old boy, James Kevin.

Wyoming is admitted to the Union as the forty-fourth state on the July 10, 1890.



Alma Hunt, left, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, gives Girls in Action and Acteens members a sneak preview of new official songs for their organizations. Allison Harris, Birmingham, Ala., plays "We're Girls in Action" on the Autoharp, while Teresa Smith, Birmingham, gets ready to strum the new Acteens song, "This Is Our Day."

Today's Youth

BSU Students To Ski In Austria, January, 1972

Skiing by day — dialogue with European students at night will be the schedule for a 10-day student tour to Austria and Italy January 1-11, 1972.

The tour, designed especially for members of Baptist Student Unions, will feature Don Murdock, BSU director at the University of Texas, as leader. The tour schedule is arranged

for students to be free during the day to receive skiing instruction and ski the slopes of the Austrian Alps. Or, if one chooses, he may take a train tour of Italy through Venice and Florence to Rome.

Evenings will be highlighted by dialogue with students staying at the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students Center in Mittersill, Austria. Combined leadership from both continents will plan the evening sessions.

European students will serve as ski instructors, when possible, allowing numerous opportunities for dialogue between students.

The tour is priced at \$400, including round-trip flight from Dallas, all meals, sightseeing and transfers. Special low group rates will be available for skiing and lessons.

Inquiries about the tour should be directed to Murdock at the Baptist Student Union, University of Texas, 2204 San Antonio Street, Austin, Texas 78705. Information also is available from Mr. Bill Scott, director of World Travel International, who is helping to organize the trip and will escort the group. His address is Box 1790, Waco, Texas 76703.

Paul Wong, pastor of Hong Kong's (Caine Road) Baptist Church, was elected to succeed the late Dr. Lam Chi Fung as chairman of the 22,000 member Hong Kong Baptist Association. Dr. Lam held the position for more than 20 years. The association now has 36 churches and 14 chapels.

Thomas A. Edison patents his kinetoscopic camera, which takes moving pictures on a strip of film, on July 31, 1891.

My Week At Camp

By Hugh Bush, Age 11
Newhebron Church
(1971 RA camp)

My week at camp started last Monday at Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg. I rode to the camp and checked in. After I knew where to go, I unpacked my things and got to know everyone. The cabins we stayed in were nice and the food was great. The first thing we did was to plan our activities for the week. Our activities included swim sessions, games and sports. We also had crafts to work on in our spare time. We were involved in many sports.

One of the best times of the day was after supper when we had our campfire. There were good films and services. On the last night we had a campfire decision service. Many people made decisions for Christ. The next day we went home. I was proud that our camp ended on a happy note; I enjoyed it very much and am looking forward to going again next year. I also want to encourage other boys my age to go because it is a very exciting experience.

Pro Quarterback Helps Prevent Plane Crash

LUBBOCK, Tex. (BP)—Terry Bradshaw, quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers professional football team, used his strength to force down an airplane's landing gear and save himself and fellow passengers from a possible crash landing here.

Bradshaw, a Baptist, and Debbie Patton, Miss Teenage America of 1970 were being flown in a private plane to Hereford, Tex., to speak in an evangelistic crusade called, "Encounter '71." Miss Patton, whom Bradshaw dates, is a Baptist from Odessa.

When the plane's engine started sputtering near Lubbock, Pilot James Gentry, a Baptist layman from Hereford, barely had time to alert the Lubbock Municipal Airport for a possible crash landing when the radio went dead. Gentry was unable to lower the landing gear.

While Miss Patton and Mrs. Gentry prayed, Bradshaw wrestled the landing gear loose and manually lowered it into position.

"Pound Of Pop" Featured At Youth Rally

"Though the actual services have not yet started, the Spirit is moving among both youth and adults at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson," reports Kathy Richey, organist at Daniel and student at Mississippi College. Several committees have been formed by the Youth Council and much work is evident.

On July 15 a rally was held to kick off the revival preparation. The Pound of Pop, a Christian folk group from

Daniel, was featured at the rally. The group shared songs, testimonies, and prayers.

Each evening from 8:30 to 9 the chapel is open to all who wish to come to the church to pray. Evangelist for the July 25-August 1 youth-sponsored revival will be Jimmy Craft, age 20, Mississippi College senior. Daryl Randall, minister of music at Van Winkle, Jackson, will be in charge of the music. Dr. Allen Webb is pastor.



"Laurel's Largest Youth Happening"

A PORTION of the crowd who attended "Laurel's Largest Youth Happening" at R. H. Watkins High Football Stadium on June 28. The service was one of four conducted by youth evangelist Buddy Mathis and singer James Miller, both of Pascagoula, at Magnolia Street Church, Laurel. Pastor Tom D. Sumrall evaluates the meeting as the "most effective, far-reaching youth-led revival in the history of the church."

Youth Crusade, August 9-13 In McComb School Stadium

"Life Now," a youth crusade sponsored by the Baptist young people of Pike and Lincoln Counties, will be held August 9-13 in the McComb High School Stadium. There will be a special rally on Saturday, August 7, in Brookhaven.

"This crusade will attempt to show the youth of today that this life we now live is a life worth living if you have Christ," states Jim Richardson, minister of music at Navilla Church, Pike County, who is coordinator for the event.

David Wallace, youth and education director of First Church, Summit, is seeking members for the choir, drawn from churches of the area.

Featured speaker of the crusade will

be Rev. Cliff Estes (pictured), pastor of Calvary Church, Newton, Mr. Estes, graduate of USM, received a Master's degree in theology from New Orleans Seminary. He is 29, married, and has one child. He often speaks at retreats for young people.

Directing the music program will be Gary Cornett, director of the youth choir at Forest Hill Church, Jackson. (He takes the Forest Hill's 60-voice choir on tour annually.) He is 22, and married.

Darrell Boggs, of Laurel, student at Mississippi College, will play the piano. He is presently serving in Macedonia Church, Brookhaven. The organist will be Hank Wilkinson, McComb native, sophomore at William Carey.

The services will begin each evening at 7:30.

Meridian Youths Sing In Ohio

Friday morning, July 9, thirty-eight young people and six adults from Highland Church, Meridian, left for Ohio.

They attended church at the Southeast Warren Baptist Church, Warren, Ohio, on July 11 and that night sang "Life" in the church's evening worship service.

The following week they held two bible schools in the Warren area. Each night they sang "Life" in a different church.

On Friday, July 16, they made a visit to Niagara Falls.

Importance Of An Aim

An aim in life is the only fortune worth finding. — Robert Louis Stevenson.



Originators of the new sound are members of The New Sound (1 to r) Seated: Brenda Waller, Susan Waller, Myra Wade, Linda Crowe and Rebecca Walker. Standing: Debra Tubbs, Beth Waller, Shirley Walker, Becky Briscoe, director, Pat Waller, Margaret Ekes and Cathy Ayles, pianist.

Clear Creek Presents "New Sound"

The New Sound created a new sound during a special religious, popular, and patriotic program at Clear Creek Church, Rt. 2, Oxford, Sunday evening, July 4.

Combining the different types of music was done to complement the observance of American independence. Centering around independence, the program showed what Christian young people can do to promote the preservation of freedom and the American way of life.

The 10 singers of The New Sound were accompanied by a pianist, drums, three trumpets and narrator. The narration was written by Russell Lamb; the singers selected the songs.

Included in the program were: "Wake Up and Live," "This Is My Country," "This Is My Father's World," "If There's To Be Tomorrow," "Born Free," "Let There Be Peace On Earth," "What The World Needs Now," "God Of Our Fathers," and "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory."

The program was under the direction of Becky Briscoe. The pastor of Clear Creek is Rev. William Wright.

Lightning Levels Church Steeple

Lightning destroyed a church steeple on a recent Tuesday night at Trinity Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana.

Firemen said lightning struck the Trinity Church and disintegrated the

steeple, and that the charge went into the attic beneath the structure and was finally absorbed in a heating duct. There was no fire, and only the steeple sustained damage, according to the firemen.

Further examination found the well motor burned out. Insurance is to cover the damage. Rev. James W. "Bill" Phillips is the pastor.

J'Man Training Previews Fall Campus Evangelism

Evangelism training of the Foreign Mission Board's 1971 journeymen is a preview of a Southern Baptist evangelism strategy to be used this fall on more than 100 college campuses across the country.

Currently, 71 Baptist men and women no older than 26 are in a seven-week course at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., preparing for two years of work overseas with career missionaries. They will be commissioned by the board in Richmond, Va., July 31.

This is the first time this intensive evangelism training has been offered by Southern Baptists especially for young adults, said Nathan Porter, associate director of the Home Mission Board's division of evangelism.

Porter taught the journeymen the same evangelism techniques that will be used on campuses this fall.

Journeymen received a packet of materials containing a course outline, reference aids such as types of follow-up letters to new Christians, and Bible study suggestions.

Instructors trained by Porter will use the same packet and classroom approach when teaching students how to share their faith on campus.

Studies in evangelism have been an important phase in the overall journeyman training program since it be-

gan in 1965, according to Stanley A. Nelson, director of the Foreign Mission Board's Missionary Journeyman Program. However, this year's trainees had more personal involvement in their classes.

Dividing into groups of four, journeymen shared their faith verbally with each other and practiced giving their personal testimonies. They traced the history of their Christian faith and their personal religious pilgrimages.

"I learned that it is important to give my witness in language that others can understand," said Miss Carolyn Knight of Alamo, Ga., journeyman trainee employed to teach in Soroti, Uganda. "I wrote five letters last week, and in each letter I shared a witness to Christ."

Mike Kelly of Austin, Tex., employed for student evangelism in Semarang, Indonesia, said, "The evangelism training forced me to make my testimony concise and use words which convey meaning to others." He and his wife, Susan, are one of seven couples in journeyman training.

The 10 hours of evangelism training included motivation and spiritual foundations through Bible study, small group work in creative activities, and the development of skills to share personal faith and help a new Christian mature.

One small group project began with pretending that a character in the Bi-

ble, such as Cornelius, the Ethiopian eunuch or Paul before his conversion, lived next door. Journeyman trainees then discussed how they would relate and witness to this type of person.

During the summer training session, journeymen also are given orientation in the history and culture of

To Make Mission Tour To Massachusetts

Some of the youth of Calvary Church, Silver Creek, will be making a mission tour to the pioneer area of Boston, Massachusetts July 16 - 20. The young people, pictured above, will be teaching in two mission vacation Bible schools in Chelsea, a suburb of Boston. These schools will be held in connection with the First Baptist Chapel of Chelsea, a Southern Baptist mission. One of the Bible Schools will be taught outside in a public park where many children can be reached. In addition to teaching in the Mission Bible Schools the Young People will be giving four Evangelistic Music Programs in a Christian Coffee House in Chelsea, and will be doing personal evangelistic work. Their adult sponsors are Rev. and Mrs. James McEmore, Mr. and Mrs. James E. May, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp.

CALVARY, SILVER CREEK, youth mission workers, singers — Left to right, seated: Jeff Myers, Eddie Hartzog. Standing, 1st row, 1 to 4: Debbie Hartzog, Pat Schwarzwaver,



Susan Blair, Sybil May, Dianne Hartzog. Top row, 1 to 4: Duane Rogillo, Joseph Daniel, Terry Wallace.

The Family: In God's Design From The Beginning

By Clifton J. Allen
Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-25; Song of
Solomon 2:15-16; Malachi 2:15-16;
Mark 10:2-12

We now begin the study of a unit on "Marriage and the Family." The family is the first human institution. It goes back to the purpose of God in the creation of man. God ordained marriage between one man and one woman and designated that man and woman should be joined together and bear forth children and rear them in the family setting and in keeping with God's purpose for mankind. The Bible passages chosen for study should be considered primarily in relation to the emphasis on marriage and the family.

The Lesson Explained
Verse 1:26-31
The family had its beginning with God, in his design for creation. It grows out of the very nature of persons. The account of the creation of man and the beginning of the family is told with beauty and simplicity. "God created man in his own image. . . male and female created he them." This means that man and woman are persons. They are like

God. They have capacities for thought and feeling and choice. They are morally responsible beings. They have powers or capacities for communication and communion and fellowship with God, and they have capacities for communication and communion and fellowship with each other. God created man as male and female; so that man and woman have powers for reproduction. On this basis God commanded them to be fruitful, to have children, and to perpetuate families.

Unity and Equality
Verse 2:18-23
There is of course mystery in God's act of creation, and we cannot answer all the questions arising from the relation of this passage to the passage in chapter 1. The essential truth is that "it is not good that the man should be alone." Man is incomplete by himself; woman is incomplete by herself. Male and female are made for each other; man and woman need each other. There is something very suggestive and meaningful in the biblical account that God made woman from a rib taken from the side of man and then "brought her into the man." This may well symbolize the truth of unity and equality. In spite of all the desecration and violation of God's intended purpose, through the subordination and ex-

ploitation of woman down the course of human history, God's design in the beginning was equality of dignity and worth on the part of man and woman, each being in the image of God and the two being made for each other in holy marriage.

Sex and Fidelity
Verse 2:24-25
God created male and female. Sex therefore is the creation of God. Sex is first of all an essential part of the true unity and wholesome companionship of man and woman in marriage. It is harmonious with their nature and with God's purpose. Man and woman are joined together in marriage to become one flesh through sexual union and through the bearing of children. From the very beginning, we are taught to look upon sex with reverence and with no sense of shame. It is the evil in human hearts which has turned sex into lust.

Truths to Live By
The family is the God-given foundation of the social order. — There is something deep in the experience of mankind that yearns for the fulfillment of the divine purpose in the creation of the family. This yearning prevails in spite of all the ravages of sin in human experience. Marriage is for parenthood and childbearing; it is for the preservation of a Godly heritage. The only hope for a social order marked by the practice of integrity in personal and business relationships, by reverence toward God

and respect for holy things, by justice and goodwill between races and classes, and by allegiance to moral and spiritual values is a healthy family life in which husband and wife are true to each other and in which children are trained for self-discipline and responsible living.

The divine purpose in sex requires wholesome learning and training. — Such learning is essential to preparation for marriage and to wholesome relationships in marriage. Also, such wholesome learning on the part of parents is prerequisite to the instruction and training needed by children to prepare them to grow up with promise of disciplined sex experience in harmony with the purposes and commandments of God. Sex is a part of human nature and should not be identified with the vulgar, the coarse, and the wicked.

The blessing of God is on the family. — His blessing is the promise of his presence to sanctify marriage and family experiences. His blessing is found in the joys of love and self-giving to one another. His greatest blessing is the promise of grace through Jesus Christ by which the love of God is shed abroad in human hearts and by which the help of his Spirit is given to sanctify family life and to make it something of heavenly experience in the fellowship of faith.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Christian Response

Luke 4:16-20; James 2:1-7;
Matt. 25:31-40
Luke 19:1-10

By Bill Duncan
"What would Jesus do?" is the response that we should seek in any relationship but especially with the complicated one of poverty. There are many problems that we have today that did not take the time of Jesus such as nuclear power, but poverty has always been with man. Poverty was even more pronounced then than now. A man might lose a crop and his children would go hungry but if he has crop failure again then he will bury his children. The beggars had no community funds to find.

Yet the average person believed the rich were blessed by God and the poor had done something to demand the punishment of God. Many of the poor were looked down upon because of this belief. Only a few in Jesus' day escaped from the circumstances of poverty. But Jesus turned his ministry toward the poor. Some believe that the responsive audiences was the reason.

"He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." Jesus truly brought "good news" to the hopeless and rejected of his day. They found his love to be warm and sincere. The reason He turned his attention upon the poor was that Jesus was taking all men to be his disciples that would believe in him. The poor had long been overlooked as a spiritual needed group.

We need to be careful that as we look at the needs of mankind that we do not spend all our time with someone like ourselves. The poor might not have much leadership ability or money to give to the budget, but they are loved of God. Jesus truly heard the cry of the poor and they responded to his invitation, "to come and follow me."

The poor are known by many different characteristics and Jesus attempted to minister to them. The

broken-hearted are the crushed in spirit and as a result they do not see any hope. The captives might be the offenders of the law. When poverty exists, crime flourishes. The poor many times are under suspicion and fall prey to temptations. The blind are those who wanted to be healed because of their helplessness. What could a blind man do to make a living except beg? The blind became the objects of hate and pity.

The proper Christian response is to treat all men as brothers. The early church had few wealthy people, but when one did come to a service, he was to be treated as a man. Because a man was poor and dirty, he was not to be given a lesser seat. Anytime the church responds to visitors by their outward appearance (clothes) the purposes of Christ for the church being a fellowship of acceptance is weakened. The poor are to be accepted as brothers.

It is interesting that Jesus identified himself with the poor. Jesus said when you fed me, clothed me, gave me a place to sleep you were acting in the spirit of the Kingdom. Of course, the disciples had never seen Jesus in such a condition of need. But Jesus said, "Truly I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." When we accept these as our brother, then He accepts us as his child.

The proper response of a new Christian should be restoration toward the poor and unfortunate. Zacchaeus said that he would give half of what he had to the poor from whom he had taken taxes with a hard heart. The gospel had brought a new idea about wealth and love. He wanted to make right the injustices which he had practiced. When a person becomes a Christian, restoration can be a most effective witness for Christian love.

We cannot eliminate poverty by our human efforts. But we can make life better for our brothers by trying to respond like Christ's attitude. These are our brothers when Christ is our Saviour. Salvation gives a man a desire to gain respect and be able to help others.

Book Stores To Be Closed For Inventory

NASHVILLE — All Baptist Book Stores will close Friday, July 30, for annual inventory, according to Keith C. Von Hagen, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division. The stores will open again during their regular hours the following day, Saturday, July 31," stated Von Hagen.

Wahalak Church Receives Gifts In Memory Of Two Former Members

On Mother's Day the children and grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. Chester Vaughn presented gifts to the Wahalak Baptist Church in memory of their mother and father. The gifts from the children included engraved offering plates and tapestry. The gift from the grandchildren was a lovely floral arrangement to be used on the new piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn were faithful members of the Wahalak Church for many years.

Present for the special occasion were Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Mrs. Charles Hutcherson, and Johnny Vaughn. Other children of the couple are Willard Vaughn, Mrs. Jewel Gault, and Mrs. Rudolph Britton.

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The new manager of the Clarke Cafeteria is Mr. Meridian, who has been with Mississippi Valley for several years. Mr. Hollifield is a native of the Big Creek community in Jones County. He and Mrs. Hollifield, the former Mary Alice Todd, have four daughters.

George Eastman at Rochester, New York, shows a group of viewers the first color motion pictures ever exhibited, on July 30, 1928. Original films show colorful subjects, i.e. flowers, goldfish, peacocks, butterflies and pretty girls.

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Devotional

Take Pleasure In Infirmities

By C. J. Olander, Tchula

Paul had been blessed with visions and revelations of the Lord. He had seen and heard more than many of the servants of the Lord of his day. It was enough to cause him to glory. It was then that he made a real discovery. He said, "Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me." This to him was an infirmity.

Infirmities are considered by most people as handicaps or hindrances preventing them from attaining the goals set for their lives. It seems that the apostle Paul was of this opinion at first. He besought the Lord three times to remove this thorn in his flesh. God answered his prayer by saying, "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

From this time on Paul could say, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong" (II Corinthians 12:10). He went in his weakness to reveal God's power and to accomplish more than any of the apostles of his day.

While I was pastor in Indiana, there was a member of the congregation who had lost her only child; then her husband was taken, and she became a helpless invalid. She was unable to wait on herself and could not even sit up except when placed in a large inflated innertube. Surely one who had suffered so much could have little to live for! Not so in her case. She was an inspiration to all who visited in her house. They left renewed in spirit and determined to do their best. She was certain that God's grace was sufficient for her; and that his strength was made perfect through her weakness. She would say "God has a purpose in leaving me here. I want him to use me." God knows that the doers of great things need humbling preparation.

Most Foreign Missionaries Still Serve, Study Shows

RICHMOND (BP)—Seventy-one per cent of all Southern Baptist career missionaries appointed during the last 36 years are still in service, according to a longevity study released by the Mission Support Division of the denomination's Foreign Mission Board.

Career appointments from 1933 through 1970 now total 3,045. Of these, 2,168 are still in service along with personnel in auxiliary categories.

The longevity study is the other side of previous missionary loss studies which have shown an annual attrition in the career force of three to four per cent due to all causes—death, retirement, and resignation. Both studies covered only career missionaries.

Approximately 90 per cent of the Southern Baptist Convention's foreign mission staff is made up of the permanent force, the study showed. As of June 1, 1971, there were 281 missionaries serving in the auxiliary (non-permanent) categories—missionary journeymen, missionary associates and special project personnel. The longevity record goes to the 76

appointees in 1947 who still have 71 per cent of their number in active service. The 1956 group, who have 15 years in service, still have nearly 75 per cent of their number active.

The studies also confirmed previous research indicating that most missionary terminations occur between the seventh and ninth years of service, which would correspond with the end of the second term.

While 1969 was the record year for total missionary appointments (262), 1963 was the record for career missionary appointments (172).

Louis Cobbs, the board's secretary for missionary personnel, and Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant, supervised the longevity and loss study for the board. They expressed the opinion that the board's record on longevity of personnel may rank favorably with that of any other agency.

MALAYSIA: First Baptist Church, Petaling Jaya, has installed the first Malaysian layman and first non-missionary to serve as its pastor. He is Lloyd de Run, former deacon of the 300-member, English-language congregation.



Star Group Makes Gift To Village

STAR CHURCH YOUTH DEPARTMENT visited the Baptist Children's Village recently. Twenty-eight made the trip. O. E. Pearson, above right, Bible teacher, presented Mr. Nunnery, superintendent of the Village, \$40.00 cash on behalf of the group. After touring the Children's Village, the group toured Parkway Church and enjoyed a hamburger lunch at the zoo. Rev. A. J. Pace is pastor of Star Church.

Graham Crusade Set For Cleveland In '72

CLEVELAND — Evangelist Billy Graham will bring a 10-day crusade to Cleveland Municipal Stadium July 14-23, 1972.

Cleveland thus far is the only one of the 11 largest cities in the U. S. not to have had a Graham crusade. The nearest one was held in Columbus in 1964.

Only 35,000 seats in the stadium where the Cleveland Indians and Browns play will be used at the beginning of the crusade. If needed, space can be easily expanded to accommodate 80,000 persons.

Names In The News

Danny R. Forrest has accepted the position of full-time youth director of Grandview church, Jackson, for the summer. He graduated from Delta State College, Cleveland, and is presently a student at New Orleans Seminary. He has served as youth director at Merigold Church, Merigold, where he was licensed to the Gospel Ministry. On the Delta State Football team four years, he attended Delta State on athletic scholarship. During the next school year he will be assistant football coach and head coach at John Curtis Christian School, New Orleans.



Billy Ray McClellan, (left), was licensed to the Gospel Ministry during a special service on the evening of July 11, at the Sunflower Church. He was presented his certificate of License by his pastor, Rev. Gene Henderson, (right). Billy Ray will attend Mississippi College this fall and is available for supply preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Short, Jr. have returned to the States (address: 1018 Bragg Ave., Meridian, Miss 39301) after completing a two-year term of service as missionary journeymen in Hong Kong.

Miss Emma Sallinger, a 1969 graduate of Blue Mountain College, has begun her duties as secretary to the Academic Dean, William N. Washburn, as a student at BMC she majored in business



education and Bible. Miss Sallinger has recently served as secretary to the editor of The Baptist Record, Jackson, and as secretary for the Eastview Baptist Church, Rockford, Illinois, her home church.

Miss Dana Stampley was scheduled to leave Ghana in June for furlough in the States (address: Benton, Miss. 39040). Miss Stampley was born and reared near Benton.

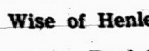
Larry Aultman has returned to the States (address: Rt. 2, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401) after completing a two-year term of service as a missionary journeyman in Salima, Malawi.



Two William Carey College faculty members have been named to the 1971 listing of Outstanding Educators of America. Nominated on the basis of their unique contributions to the academic and extra-curricular life on their campus are Mrs. Frances Winters, assistant professor of music education, and John O'Keefe, associate professor of health, physical education, and recreation.

Peggy Wise, New Henleyfield Church, Pearl River Association, has been selected to serve on the staff at Glorieta Assembly.

Miss Wise is an active member of the youth program at her home church and a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wise of Henleyfield.



Rev. Paul H. Leber resigned the pastorage of East Moss Point Church, Moss Point, effective July 14, in order to enter the field of advanced studies in theology at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He plans to be in residency for a year, plus work on a thesis. Mr. Leber had been pastor at East Moss Point for almost thirteen years.

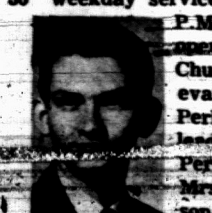
Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore, missionaries to Europe, were scheduled to leave Switzerland on July 9 for furlough in the States (address: 3538 Nanz Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40207). Moore, a native of Mississippi, was born in Clarksdale and reared in Tupelo.



Six students graduated this year from the School of Radiological Technology at Mississippi Baptist Hospital. From left to right: Mrs. Jackie Beard, director of the school; Miss Janet Allgood, Brookhaven; Mrs. Diane Reeves, Bogue Chitto; Latham Presley, Pearl; Miss Linda Beard, Tylertown; Miss Vicki Turner, Magee; Miss Verna White, Magee; and Dr. Elmer J. Harris, chief of radiology at the hospital.

Revival Dates

Hebron Church (Panola): July 25-30 weekday services 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Rev. Don Cooper, pastor.



Pilgrim's Rest (Columbia): Rev. M. R. Bradley, pastor, First Church, evangelist; services at regular time on Sunday; 7:30 p.m. during week; Rev. V. R. Crider, pastor.

Mathiston Church, Mathiston: July 25-30; Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor.

Bay Vista Church, Biloxi: evangelist, Mrs. Allen Stephens, minister of music, Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, music director, Rev. Cecil Clegg, pastor.

Sylvan Church, Sylvan: July 18-23; Rev. H. Glenn Schilling, pastor of Shady Grove, Hazlehurst, evangelist; Rev. Don Brown, minister of music, First, Hazlehurst, singer; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Drew D. Blanton, pastor.

Pleasant Grove (Chickasaw): July 25-30; Rev. Dan Springfield, pictured, pastor, West End Church, West Point, evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rev. A. C. Gorm, pastor.



Harperville Church: July 25-30; Hours: Sunday, 11 and 7:30; Monday 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Elton Barlow, pastor.

St. Vernon (Holmes): July 25-30; Rev. Benton Goodman, evangelist.

Clarkson Church: August 1-6; Rev. James Downey, associate pastor, First, Houston, evangelist; Rev. Carl Morris, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mt. Olive, Smithdale: July 25-30; Rev. Byron Parker, evangelist; E. C. Harpe, singer; Rev. L. C. Newell, pastor; dinner on grounds July 25; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Services during week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Line Creek Church, Route 2, Pelahatchie: July 25-30; Rev. J. C. Renfro, director of missions, Rankin County Association, evangelist; Tommy White, contractor and layman of Concord Church (Rankin), singer; services 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. W. E. Bass, pastor.

First Church, Sumrall: July 25-30; Rev. Raleigh James, pastor Oakcrest Church, Baton Rouge, evangelist; O. C. Givley, New Hope Church, Covington, singer; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., weekday 7:30 p.m.; Rev. George Berger, pastor.

Corinth (Jasper): July 18-23; Rev. Horace Carpenter of Sandersville, evangelist; Rev. Paul McDonald, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Walterville (Union Co.): July 25-30; Rev. Floyd Higginbotham, pictured, Springdale Church, Kosciusko, evangelist; Wayne Baggett, minister of music at Walterville, singer; Rev. Billy E. Wells, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Macon, First: July 25-30; Rev. Jerry F. Helms, pictured at left, pastor of Highland Church, Florence, Ala., evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City, shown above, evangelistic music team; Fred Hood of Philadelphia, organist; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Hugh Poole, pastor.

East Side Church, Magee, (Simpson): July 25-August 1; services 7:30 p.m.; Jack Burnham of Mendenhall will lead singing; Rev. R. J. Taylor of St. Louis, Missouri, evangelist; Rev. Leo D. "Ben" Hurr, pastor.

Pleasant Hill, New Albany Union Co.: July 25-30; Rev. E. S. Hall, evangelist; Paul C. Hancock, Nashville, Tenn., music evangelist; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Immanuel (Panola): July 25-August 1; Rev. Curtis McClain of Memphis, evangelist; Mrs. T. A. Tedford, song leader; Mrs. Ruby Cobb, pianist; Rev. Reggie Herron, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. and dinner on the grounds; services during week at 8 p.m.

Ebenezer (Tate): July 25-30; Rev. Eugene Strickland, pastor Como Church, evangelist; Jerry Beatty, Horn Lake, music director; Regular Sunday services; week day services 10 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rev. Claude Lazenby, pastor.

Oakdale Church, (Rankin): August 1-6; Rev. Jim Nunnelee, Center Ridge Church, Yazoo City, evangelist; Paul Byrd, McLaurin Hgts., music director; Services 7:30 p.m. nightly; Rev. Bernard Nail, pastor.

Branch Church (Scott): July 25-30; Rev. Bobby Waggoner, pastor Evergreen Church, Louisville, evangelist; Clarke Measells, singer; Mrs. W. J. Measells, pianist; Rev. Chris C. Cornelius, pastor.

Flat Rock (Benton): July 25-30; Rev. James Fondren, Isola, evangelist; services each evening at 7:30.

Temple, Petal: July 25-30; Dr. H. D. Smith, Jr., pastor, Gentilly Church, New Orleans, La., evangelist; Kenneth White, minister of music First Church, Itta Bena, music director; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; week-day services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. G. W. Smith, pastor.

First Church, Pontotoc: July 25-30; services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Church, Nashville, Tenn., evangelist; Dr. D. C. E. Holland Avenue Church, Cayce, South Carolina, music director; Dr. W. Levoth Moore, pastor.

Mt. Olive Church (Chickasaw): July 25-Aug. 1; Sunday morning services at 11; night services at 8; evangelist, Rev. Billy McDaniel, pastor; music director, Clayton Corley; pianist, Ann Bowen.

Georgetown (Columbia): July 25-30; morning and evening; Rev. Marvin Lancaster, pastor, Southside Gainesville, Texas, evangelist; Rev. Charles Rogers, pastor, music director; Karen Dubose, pianist.

Goodwater, Simpson: July 25-30; Dr. John Barnes, pastor, Main Street, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, Hattiesburg, director of music; Rev. V. Daniel West, pastor; services at 6:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Runnelstown (Perry): July 25-30; Rev. Delton Craft, pastor, New Hope, Sumrall, evangelist; Rev. Herman McAlpin, pastor; Roger Blackwell, singer; Sunday services at 10 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. and lunch at the church; Monday - Friday at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Bogue (Washington Co.): July 25-Aug. 1; Dr. Charles Melton, Clarke College, evangelist; Rev. Edward C. Farr, pastor; Sunday, Aug. 1, old-fashioned dinner on the grounds.

Salem, Tylertown: July 25-30; Rev. S. R. Pridgen, Foxworth, evangelist; Ronnie Parker, Foxworth, singer; Rev. A. G. Gray, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Unity (Attala): July 25-30; Rev. Gowan Ellis, pictured, Sherman, evangelist; services at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Rev. Bill McCreary, pastor.



Mt. Vernon, (Leflore): Aug. 8-13; Rev. Edwin D. Campbell, Thomaston evangelist; Wanda Mims; pianist; Pat Kyle organist; Rev. Lester Moon, pastor, Danny Bender, Laurel, will be assisting the church in its musical program Aug. 1-18.

Wheeler Grove (Alcorn): July 25-30; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy Bryant, pastor of North Corinth evangelist; Dexter Benjamin music director; Rev. J. A. Blunt, pastor.

Spring Hill (Calhoun): July 25-30; services at 10:30 a.m. and at 8:00 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy Vance, former pastor, Big Creek, now pastor Calvary Church, Starkville, evangelist; Rev. Kenneth McMillen, pastor.

Temple Church, Hattiesburg: July 25-Aug. 1; Rev. Tom Cox, Birmingham, evangelist; Jimmy Cutrell, singer; services 11:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor.

1889 — Johnstown Flood
Dam above Johnstown, Pennsylvania, broke during heavy rains on May 31. Four towns were destroyed before river drowned Johnstown in 30 feet of water, killing about 2,300 people.

1907 — Mother's Day
First observance of Mother's Day was held at a church in Philadelphia. Mother's Day was later formalized by Congress on May 7, 1914, to be celebrated the second Sunday in May.

Off The Record

The machinists' publication tells about the woman who took four swings at a golf ball and missed all four. Turning to her instructor, she asked: "Am I out? Or do I walk?"

The sergeant shouted: "Company attention! Lift up your left leg and hold it straight out in front of you." One of the rookies became nervous. He held out his right leg by mistake, so that it was next to his buddy's left leg.

After a moment, the sergeant yelled, "Okay, okay. Who's the joker holding up both legs?"

Wife to depressed husband: "What do you mean you have nothing to live for? The house isn't paid for, the car isn't paid for, the washing machine isn't paid for, the television isn't paid for."

Describing the first day back to classes after a long absence, a grade school teacher said, "It was like trying to hold 35 corks under water at the same time."

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